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NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement 1993-2003

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE NFL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
AND
THE NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION
As Amended June 6, 1996



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INTRODUCTION

On June 6, 1996, the National Football League Management Council ("NFLMC") and the National Football League Players Association ("NFLPA") agreed to extend, with certain modifications, the 1993 NFL Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA").

This booklet incorporates that extension agreement into the original text of the 1993 CBA. The language extending and modifying the 1993 CBA is set forth in italic body copy with applicable notations to the extension agreement.

In addition, side letter agreements between the NFLMC and the NFLPA setting forth the parties' interpretation of various provisions of the CBA are reprinted in italics and indented within the appropriate articles.

For easy reference, the starting and ending provisions can be found at the top of each two-page set of this booklet.

PREAMBLE

This Agreement, which is the product of bona fide, arm's length collective bargaining, is made and entered into on the 6th day of May, 1993, in accordance with the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, by and between the National Football League Management Council ("Management Council" or "NFLMC"), which is recognized as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of present and future employer member Clubs of the National Football League ("NFL" or "League"), and the National Football League Players Association ("NFLPA"), which is recognized as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of present and future employee players in the NFL in a bargaining unit described as follows:

1. All professional football players employed by a member club of the National Football League;
2. All professional football players who have been previously employed by a member club of the National Football League who are seeking employment with an NFL Club;
3. All rookie players once they are selected in the current year's NFL College Draft; and
4. All undrafted rookie players once they commence negotiation with an NFL Club concerning employment as a player.

Article I, Section 1 (a)

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Section 1. General Definitions:

- (a) "Agreement" means this Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated May 6, 1993.
- (b) "Class Counsel" means the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, and the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum, 4200 IDS Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.
- (c) "Club" or "Team" or "Member," used interchangeably herein, means any entity that is a member of the NFL or operates a franchise in the NFL at any time during the term of this Agreement.
- (d) "Club Affiliate" or "Team Affiliate" means any entity or person owned by (wholly or partly), controlled by, affiliated with, or related to a Club or any owner of a Club.
- (e) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the NFL.
- (f) "Impartial Arbitrator" means the person authorized by this Agreement and the Settlement Agreement to hear and resolve specified disputes as provided in this Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.
- (g) "League Year" means the period from February 20 of one year through and including February 19 of the following year, or such other one year period to which the NFL and the NFLPA may agree. For 1993, the League Year shall begin on March 1 and end on the date on which all 1993 League Year contracts terminate, as agreed between the NFL and the NFLPA.
- (h) "NFL Player Contract" means the form of Player Contract utilized in the NFL.
- (i) "NFL Rules" means the Constitution and By-Laws, rules, and regulations of the NFL and/or the Management Council.
- (j) "Player Affiliate" means any entity or person owned by (wholly or partly), controlled by, affiliated with, or related to a player.
- (k) "Salary" means any compensation of money, property, investments, loans, or anything else of value that a Club pays to, or is obligated to pay to, a player or Player Affiliate, or is paid to a third party at the request of and for the benefit of a player or Player Affiliate, during a League Year, as calculated in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).
- (l) "Settlement Agreement" means the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, dated February 26, 1993.
- (m) "Special Master" means the special master appointed and authorized by this Agreement and the Settlement Agreement to hear and resolve specified disputes as provided in this Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.

Section 2. Free Agency Definitions:

- (n) "Accrued Season" means any playing season for which a player received credit with respect to his qualifications for Unrestricted Free Agency or Restricted Free Agency, as described in Article XIX (Veteran Free Agency).
- (o) "Compensatory Draft Selection" means an additional Draft choice awarded to a Club as described in Article XIX (Veteran Free Agency) and Article XX (Franchise and Transition Players).
- (p) "Draft" or "College Draft" means the NFL's annual draft of Rookie football players as described in Article XVI (College Draft).
- (q) "Draft Choice Compensation" means the right of any Club, as described in Article XIX (Veteran Free Agency) and Article XX (Franchise and Transition Players), to receive draft pick(s) from any other Club.
- (r) "Drafted Rookie" means a person who is selected in the current League Year's Draft or whose Draft rights are held, or continue to be held, consistent with this Agreement, by an NFL Club that selected the Rookie in a prior Draft.
- (s) "Final Eight Plan" means the rules whereby signings of Unrestricted Free Agents are limited in Uncapped Years for the final eight playoff Clubs, under the limited circumstances described in Article XXI (Final Eight Plan).
- (t) "Free Agent" means a player who is not under contract and is free to negotiate and sign a Player Contract with any NFL Club, without Draft Choice Compensation or any Right of First Refusal.
- (u) "Minimum Salary" means the minimum annual Paragraph 5 Salary which shall be paid to an NFL player not on any Active list, and not on the Inactive list, pursuant to this Agreement.
- (v) "Minimum Active/Inactive List Salary" means the minimum annual Paragraph 5 Salary which shall be paid to an NFL player on any Active list, or on the Inactive list, pursuant to this Agreement.
- (w) "Negotiate" means, with respect to a player or his representatives on the one hand, and an NFL Club or its representatives on the other hand, to engage in any written or oral communication relating to efforts to reach agreement on employment and/or terms of employment between such player and such Club.
- (x) "New Club" means any Club except the Prior Club (as defined below).
- (y) "Player Contract" means a written agreement or series of such agreements executed at or about the same time between a person and an NFL Club pursuant to which such person is employed by such Club as a professional football player.
- (z) "Prior Club" means the Club that contracted with or otherwise held the NFL playing rights for the player for the previous NFL League Year.
- (aa) "Prior Year Salary" means the total of the Paragraph 5 Salary, roster and reporting bonuses, prorata portion of signing bonus, and other

Article I, Section 2 (ab)

payments to a player in compensation for the playing of professional football for the last League Year of the player's most recently negotiated Player Contract, except for performance bonuses other than roster and reporting bonuses. Beginning with the 1994 League Year, Prior Year Salary shall also include any un-repaid loans made, guaranteed or collateralized by a Team or its Team Affiliate to a player or Player Affiliate during or after the 1993 League Year.

(ab) "Renegotiate" means any change in Salary or the terms under which such Salary is earned or paid, or any change regarding the Club's right to trade the player, during the term of a Player Contract.

(ac) "Required Tender" means a Player Contract tender that a Club is required to make to a player pursuant to this Agreement, either as a matter of right with respect to the player, or to receive Rights of First Refusal, Draft Choice Compensation and/or other rights with respect to the player, as specified in this Agreement.

(ad) "Restricted Free Agent" means a Veteran who has three or more Accrued Seasons and who completes performance of his Player Contract, but who is still subject to a Right of First Refusal and/or Draft Choice Compensation in favor of his Prior Club.

(ae) "Right of First Refusal" means the right of an NFL Club, as described in Article XIX (Veteran Free Agency) and Article XX (Franchise and Transition Players) to retain the services of certain Veteran players by matching offers made to those players.

(af) "Rookie" means a person who has never signed a Player Contract with an NFL Club.

(ag) "Undrafted Rookie" means a Rookie who was eligible for but not selected in a College Draft.

(ah) "Unrestricted Free Agent" means a Veteran who completes performance of his Player Contract, and who is no longer subject to any exclusive negotiating rights, Right of First Refusal, or Draft Choice Compensation in favor of his Prior Club.

(ai) "Veteran" means a player who has signed at least one Player Contract with an NFL Club.

Section 3. Salary Cap Definitions:

(aj) "Benefits" or "Player Benefit Costs" means the specific benefits paid to players set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(ak) "Capped Year" means any League Year for which a Salary Cap is in effect.

(al) "Defined Gross Revenues" or "DGR" means all of the League and Team revenues that are included within the definition of Defined Gross Revenues, as set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(am) "Guaranteed League-wide Salary" means the minimum amount

that the Teams in the NFL must pay in Player Costs during a League Year, if applicable, as set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(an) "Minimum Team Salary" means the minimum amount that each Team must pay in Salaries during a League Year, if applicable, as set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary), Section 5.

(ao) "Paragraph 5 Salary" means the compensation set forth in paragraph 5 of the NFL Player Contract, or in any amendments thereto.

(ap) "Player Costs" means the total Salaries and Benefits attributable to a League Year for all NFL Teams under all of the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary), but not including loans, loan guarantees, unpaid grievances attributions, and unearned incentives.

(aq) "Projected Benefits" means the amount of Benefits projected in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(ar) "Projected Defined Gross Revenues" means the amount of Defined Gross Revenues projected in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(as) "Room" means the extent to which a Team's then-current Team Salary is less than either the Salary Cap or Entering Player Pool, as applicable.

(at) "Salary Cap" means the absolute maximum amount of Salary that each Club may pay or be obligated to pay or provide to players or Player Affiliates, or may pay or be obligated to pay to third parties at the request of and for the benefit of Players or Player Affiliates, at any time during a particular League Year, in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary), if applicable.

(au) "Team Salary" means the Team's aggregate Salary for Salary Cap purposes, as calculated in accordance with the rules set forth in Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

(av) "Uncapped Year" means any League Year for which a Salary Cap is not in effect.

Section 4. Further Definitions:

(aw) "Final League Year" means the League Year which is scheduled prior to its commencement to be the final League Year of this Agreement. As of the date hereof, the Final League Year is the 2000 League Year. If neither party hereto has by December 1, 1997 cancelled the extension of this Agreement set forth in Article LXI (Extension of Agreement), Section 1, then, beginning on the first date of the 1998 League Year, the Final League Year will be the 2001 League Year. If neither

Article I, Section 4 (ax)

party has by December 1, 1998 cancelled the extension of this Agreement set forth in Article LXI (Extension of Agreement), Section 2, then, beginning on the first date of the 1999 League Year, the Final League Year will be the 2002 League Year. The Final League Year shall always be an Uncapped Year.

(ax) "Final Capped Year" means the League Year immediately prior to the Final League Year. The Final Capped Year shall be Capped unless the Salary Cap is removed pursuant to Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-Wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary), Section 4(b)(ii)(4).

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ARTICLE II GOVERNING AGREEMENT

Section 1. Conflicts: The provisions of this Agreement supersede any conflicting provisions in the NFL Player Contract, the NFL Constitution and Bylaws, or any other document affecting terms and conditions of employment of NFL players, and all players, Clubs, the NFLPA, the NFL, and the Management Council will be bound hereby. The provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in White v. NFL, No. 4-92-906 (D. Minn.) ("Settlement Agreement"), shall supersede any conflicting provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Implementation: The NFLPA and the Management Council will use their best efforts to faithfully carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to see that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are carried out in full by players and Clubs. The NFLPA will use its best efforts to see that the terms and conditions of all NFL Player Contracts are carried out in full by players.

Section 3. Management Rights: The NFL Clubs maintain and reserve the right to manage and direct their operations in any manner whatsoever, except as specifically limited by the provisions of this Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.

Section 4. Rounding: For the purposes of any amounts to be calculated or used pursuant to this Agreement with respect to Required Tenders, Qualifying Offers, Minimum Salaries, Minimum Active/Inactive List Salaries, Team Salary, DGR, Excluded DGR, Benefits, Player Costs, Projected DGR, Projected Benefits, or Salary, such amounts shall be rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

ARTICLE III SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. Scope: This Agreement represents the complete understanding of the parties on all subjects covered herein, and there will be no change in the terms and conditions of this Agreement without mutual consent. Except as otherwise provided in Article V (Union Security), Section 6, on Union Security, and on Article LIV (Workers' Compensation), Section 7, on Workers' Compensation, the NFLPA and the Management Council waive all rights to bargain with one another concerning any subject covered or not covered in this Agreement for the duration of this Agreement, including the provisions of the NFL Constitution and Bylaws; provided, however, that if any proposed change in the NFL Constitution and Bylaws during the term of this Agreement could significantly affect the terms and conditions of employment of NFL players, then the Management Council will give the NFLPA notice of and negotiate the proposed change in good faith.

Section 2. Arbitration: The question of whether the parties engaged in good faith negotiations, or whether any proposed change in the NFL Constitution and Bylaws would violate or render meaningless any provision of this Agreement, may be the subject of a non-injury grievance under Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance), which shall be the exclusive method for resolving disputes arising out of this Section 2. If the arbitrator finds that either party did not engage in good faith negotiations, or that the proposed change would violate or render meaningless any provision of this Agreement, he may enter an appropriate order, including to cease and desist from implementing or continuing the practice or proposal in question; provided, however, that the arbitrator may not compel either party to this Agreement to agree to anything or require the making of a concession by either party in negotiations.

ARTICLE IV NO STRIKE/LOCKOUT/SUIT

Section 1. No Strike/Lockout: Except as otherwise provided in Article V (Union Security), Section 6, or Article LIV (Workers' Compensation), Section 7, neither the NFLPA nor any of its members will engage in any strike, work stoppage, or other concerted action interfering with the operations of the NFL or any Club for the duration of this Agreement, and no Clubs, either individually or in concert with other Clubs, will engage in any lockout for the duration of this Agreement. Any claim by the Management Council that the NFLPA has violated this Section 1 will not be subject to the grievance procedure or the arbitration provisions of this Agreement and the Management Council will have the right to submit such claim directly to the courts.

Section 2. No Suit: The NFLPA agrees that neither it nor any of its members, nor agents acting on its behalf, nor any member of its bargaining unit, will sue, or support financially or administratively, or voluntarily provide testimony or affidavit in, any suit against, the NFL or any Club with respect to any claim relating to any conduct permitted by this Agreement, the Settlement Agreement, or any term of this Agreement or the Settlement Agreement, including, without limitation, the Articles concerning the College Draft, the Compensatory Draft, the Option Clause, the Entering Player Pool, Veterans With Less Than Three Accrued Seasons, Veteran Free Agency, Franchise and Transition Players, the Final Eight Plan, Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary cap and Minimum Team Salary, and the Waiver System, and provisions applicable to the trading of players; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section 2 will prevent the NFLPA or any player from asserting that any Club, acting individually or in concert with other Clubs, or the Management Council, has: (1) breached the terms of this Agreement, the NFL Player Contract, the revised NFL Player Contract, or the NFL Constitution and Bylaws, and from processing such asserted breach as a non-injury grievance under Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance) or asserting any claim before the Special Master or the Impartial Arbitrator as provided in this Agreement; or (2) breached the terms of the Settlement Agreement and from asserting such a claim before the Special Master, Impartial Arbitrator, or the Federal District Court, as provided for in the Settlement Agreement. In addition, neither the NFLPA nor any of its members, agents acting on its behalf, nor any members of its bargaining unit will sue, or support financially or administratively any suit against, the NFL or any Club relating to the presently existing provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NFL as they are currently operative and administered (except any provisions relating to the 1982 CBA, which have been superseded by this Agreement); provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the NFLPA, its members, agents or bargaining unit members from asserting any

rights they may have under the federal labor laws or under this Agreement or the Settlement Agreement.

Section 3. Releases: The releases and covenants not to sue contained in Article XIX (Releases and Covenants Not to Sue) of the Settlement Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE V UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Union Security: Every NFL player has the option of joining or not joining the NFLPA; provided, however, that as a condition of employment commencing with the execution of this Agreement and for the duration of this Agreement and wherever and whenever legal: (a) any active player who is or later becomes a member in good standing of the NFLPA must maintain his membership in good standing in the NFLPA; and (b) any active player (including a player in the future) who is not a member in good standing of the NFLPA must, on the 30th day following the beginning of his employment or the execution of this Agreement, whichever is later, pay, pursuant to Section 2 below or otherwise to the NFLPA, an annual service fee in the same amount as any initiation fee and annual dues required of members of the NFLPA.

Section 2. Check-off: Commencing with the execution of this Agreement, each Club will check-off the initiation fee and annual dues or service charge, as the case may be, in equal weekly or biweekly installments from each pre-season and regular season pay check, beginning with the first pay check after the date of the first pre-season squad cutdown, for each player for whom a current check-off authorization (copy attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part of this Agreement) has been provided to the Club. The Club will forward the check-off monies to the NFLPA within seven days of the check-off.

Section 3. NFLPA Meetings: The NFLPA will have the right to conduct three meetings on Club property each year, including one at the time of a Club's minicamp, provided that the player representative or NFLPA office has given the Club reasonable notice of its desire to hold such a meeting by the close of business on Friday of the week before the week in which the meeting is to take place, or by the close of business Thursday if the meeting is scheduled for the following Monday. No meeting will be held at a time which would disrupt a coach's team schedule.

Section 4. NFLPA Player Group Licensing Program: The NFL recognizes that players have authorized the NFLPA to act as their agent in a Group Player Licensing program (defined below) for their benefit. The NFL hereby agrees that neither it, any Club, nor any affiliate of the NFL and/or any Club shall acquire, seek to acquire, induce others to acquire, or assist others in acquiring Group Player Licensing rights, or interfere in any manner with any player's conveyance of such rights pursuant to the NFLPA Group Player Licensing program, except as otherwise explicitly agreed to between the NFLPA and the NFL. Any disputes that arise regarding the NFL's conduct in this regard shall be submitted for expedited arbitration pursuant to

Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance). For the purposes of this Section 4, Group Player Licensing shall be defined as the use of a total of six or more NFL players' names, signatures facsimiles, voices, pictures, photographs, likenesses and/or biographical information on: (a) products in any one product category, as defined by industry standards; or (b) products in different categories if a total of six or more players are used and (i) the products all use similar or derivative design or artwork or (ii) one such player product is used to promote another player product. For the purposes of this Section 4, Group Player Licensing includes, without limitation, products sold at retail and products that are used as promotional or premium items.

Section 5. Disputes: Any dispute over compliance with, or the interpretation, application or administration of this Article, except any dispute concerning Section 4 of this Article, will be processed pursuant to Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance). Any decision of an outside arbitrator pursuant thereto will constitute full, final and complete disposition of the dispute, and will be binding on the player(s) and Club(s) involved and the parties to this Agreement.

Section 6. Procedure for Enforcement:

(a) Upon written notification to the Management Council by the NFLPA that a player has not paid any initiation fee, dues or the equivalent service fee in violation of Section 1 of this Article V (Union Security), the Management Council will within seven days consider the matter. If there is no resolution of the matter within seven days, then the Club will, upon notification of the NFLPA, suspend the player without pay. Such suspension will continue until the NFLPA has notified the Club in writing that the suspended player has satisfied his obligation as contained in Section 1 of this Article V (Union Security). The parties hereby agree that suspension without pay is adopted as a substitute for and in lieu of discharge as the penalty for a violation of the union security clause of the Agreement and that no player will be discharged for a violation of that clause. The player's contract will be tolled during the period of any such suspension. A copy of all notices required by this "Procedure for the Enforcement of the Union Security Agreement Between the NFL Management Council and the NFLPA" will be simultaneously mailed to the player involved and the Management Council.

(b) It is further agreed that the term "member in good standing" as used in this Article V (Union Security) applies only to payment of dues or initiation fee and not any other factors involved in union discipline.

(c) It is further agreed that notwithstanding Article III (Scope of Agreement), Article IV (No Strike/Lockout/Suit), and Article LVIII (Duration of Agreement), that if at any time in the term of the Agreement, any court or agency shall wholly or partially invalidate the provisions of Article V (Union Security) relating to Union Security, then the NFLPA may reopen

this Agreement upon the giving of 10 days' written notice, with reference solely to the issue of Union Security, and both parties will have an obligation to resume negotiations limited to the issue of Union Security, and both parties will be free to engage in whatever concerted or other action may be permitted by law in support of their positions.

Section 7. NFLPA Responsibility: It is agreed that neither the NFL nor any Club shall be liable for any salary, bonus, or other monetary claims of any player suspended pursuant to the terms of Section 6 above. Collection of initiation fees, annual dues, service charges or other check-off amounts missed because of inadvertent errors shall be the responsibility of the NFLPA. The NFLPA shall be solely responsible for refunds to players in the case of any sums deducted not in conformity with the provisions of the NFLPA Constitution and Bylaws or applicable law.

Section 8. Orientations: During the annual Timing and Testing Sessions of the Scouting Combines, the NFL will use best efforts to ensure that the NFLPA will be permitted to present one-hour orientations for all of the college players attending the session. The orientation will include only information on the Career Planning Program, the Chemical Dependency Program, the NFLPA Agent Certification System, and other information contained in this Agreement and will encourage the players to participate fully in all activities of the Scouting Combine. The NFLPA will also have the right to space in the public area of the players' hotel, staffed by NFLPA employees, to provide information requested by players during their free time at the Combine. The NFLPA and the NFL will also sponsor an orientation with an agreed-upon agenda for all rookies on a Club-by-Club basis during the first half of the NFL regular season, which meetings may take place on the players' day off if no other mutually acceptable day is agreed upon.

ARTICLE VI NFLPA AGENT CERTIFICATION

Section 1. Exclusive Representation: The NFLMC and the Clubs recognize that the NFLPA regulates the conduct of agents who represent players in individual contract negotiations with Clubs. The NFLMC and the Clubs agree that the Clubs are prohibited from engaging in individual contract negotiations with any agent who is not listed by the NFLPA as being duly certified by the NFLPA in accordance with its role as exclusive bargaining agent for NFL players. The NFLPA shall provide and publish a list of agents who are currently certified in accordance with its agent regulation system, and shall notify the NFLMC and the Clubs of any deletions or additions to the list pursuant to its procedures. The NFLPA agrees that it shall not delete any agent from its list until that agent has exhausted the opportunity to appeal the deletion to a neutral arbitrator pursuant to its agent regulation system. The NFLPA shall have sole and exclusive authority to determine the number of agents to be certified, and the grounds for withdrawing or denying certification of an agent. The NFLPA agrees that it will not discipline, dismiss or decertify agents based upon the results they achieve or do not achieve in negotiating terms or conditions of employment with NFL Clubs.

Section 2. Enforcement: Under procedures to be established by agreement between the NFL and the NFLPA, the Commissioner shall disapprove any NFL Player Contract(s) between a player and a Club unless such player: (a) is represented in the negotiations with respect to such NFL Player Contract(s) by an agent or representative duly certified by the NFLPA in accordance with the NFLPA agent regulation system and authorized to represent him; or (b) acts on his own behalf in negotiating such NFL Player Contract(s).

Section 3. Penalty: Under procedures to be established by agreement between the NFL and the NFLPA, the NFL shall impose a fine of \$10,000 upon any Club that negotiates any NFL Player Contract(s) with an agent or representative not certified by the NFLPA in accordance with the NFLPA agent regulation system if, at the time of such negotiations, such Club either (a) knows that such agent or representative has not been so certified or (b) fails to make reasonable inquiry of the NFLPA as to whether such agent or representative has been so certified. Such fine shall not apply, however, if the negotiation in question is the first violation of this Article by the Club during the term of this Agreement. It shall not be a violation of this Article for a Club to negotiate with any person named on (or not deleted from) the most recently published list of agents certified by the NFLPA to represent players.

ARTICLE VII PLAYER SECURITY

Section 1. No Discrimination: There will be no discrimination in any form against any player by the Management Council, any Club or by the NFLPA because of race, religion, national origin or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the NFLPA.

Section 2. Personal Appearance: Clubs may make and enforce reasonable rules governing players' appearance on the field and in public places while representing the Clubs; provided, however, that no player will be disciplined because of hair length or facial hair.